GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Pending Projects due to Environment Clearances
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several power projects are pending/suffering due to non-accordance, delayed accordance of/environmental clearances from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project wise and State-wise including North East States, till date;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to accord early environment clearance to pending power projects;

(d) whether Government has provided any financial assistance under the State Governments including North East States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : As informed by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), being the nodal Ministry for according environment clearance, fifteen Hydroelectric Projects and ten Thermal Power Projects are pending for Environmental Clearance as on 5.8.2016 as per details given in Annex-I & II respectively.

(c) : The Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 mandates prior Environmental Clearance (EC) to various developmental projects including River Valley projects. Proposals seeking EC are appraised in a timely manner within the stipulated time-frame of EIA Notification, 2006 and amendments thereof. The proposals are processed for EC as per the provisions under the EIA Notification. These projects are accorded prior EC within the stipulated timeframe provided all the requisite documents are received from the project proponents and other stake holders in time.

(d) & (e) : Government of India is providing financial assistance to States including North Eastern Region (NER) under the Restructured Accelerated Power Development & Reforms (R-APDRP) Scheme subsumed in Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) and "Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana" (DDUGJY), launched by Ministry of Power on 3rd December, 2014. In addition, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) is providing financial assistance/grant to various power projects in NER under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).

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